

Summary of Substantive Certification Changes (Proposed changes to 590 IAC 5)

- Define Library Education Provider – this is just a clarification and not really a change
- Define LEU (Library education Unit) – this is also just a clarification and not really a change
- Create criteria for recognizing foreign education used for the purpose of getting an Indiana librarian certificate
- Repeal outdated language related to exams
- Require individuals on temporary permits to complete 10 LEU's for each year they are on a temporary permit
- Increase the number of technology LEUs from 10 to 20 but kept the overall number of required LEUs per 5 year cycle the same
 - 100 for library directors
 - 75 for department or branch heads
 - 50 for professional assistants
- Broaden the language related to LEUs to permit earning LEUs from a wider variety of sources
 - Up to 10 LEUs per 5-year certificate period may be earned in non-library topics and topics unrelated to library operations (ex: first aid/safety; foreign language, etc.)
 - Up to 5 LEUs per 5-year certificate period may be earned on external professional committee work
 - Up to 5 LEU's per 5-year certificate period may be earned developing and delivering workshops for conferences, staff in-training, etc.
 - Up to 5 LEU's per 5-year certificate period may be earned researching, writing, and publishing library-related articles in a peer reviewed journal
 - Up to 10 LEUs per 5-year certificate period may be earned attending professional roundtable meetings
- Reduce the formal education requirements for directors of libraries serving a population of 3,000 or less
 - Previously these directors needed a bachelor degree and at least 15 semester hours or 20 quarter hours of intermediate library education
 - Now these directors only need a high school diploma; 3 years of library work experience or 9 semester hours of introductory library education; and 10 hours of State Library sponsored training each year for the first 3 years of employment in subject areas relating to library administration.
- Eliminate any certification requirements for staff other than directors at libraries serving a population of 3,000 or less
- Decrease the requirements for Librarian Certificate 6 (LC6)
 - Previously the LC6 certificate required a high school diploma or GED and 5 years of library experience or nine hours of introductory library education
 - Now the LC6 certificate requires a high school diploma or GED and 3 years of library experience or nine hours of introductory library education